

BEST PRACTICES FOR SUMMER FEEDING



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FUELING THE MIND — SUMMER FEEDING & OUTREACH AT GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ❖ Years ago Fueling the Mind (FTM) was grant funded, but now our program is library funded.
- ❖ Partnership with Grant County Schools Food Services.
- ❖ It's not just about a free lunch for children!
- ❖ We give children the opportunity to get a free temporary library card at each outreach site. They can use their card to check out two books at time.
- ❖ Our FTM staff also provide a daily, educational and fun activity or program.
- ❖ FTM runs at the same time as our summer reading program.

FUELING THE MIND — SITE SELECTION

- ❖ Currently we offer free lunch and library services at five locations.
- ❖ One site is the library. The others are two local parks and two trailer home developments.
- ❖ Our goal with site selection is to reach as many children as possible in a safe place that is easy for children and families to get to.

FTM STAFF

- ❖ We hire temporary summer employees to assist with FTM. With four outreach sites this coming summer we will hire eight employees.
- ❖ FTM staff work every day, Monday through Friday, for four hours a day. Twenty hours a week total for the eight week program.
- ❖ Daily routine of FTM staff: Meet at library, gather supplies and prepare for daily activities, travel to outreach site, serve lunch, create temporary library cards for children at sites, check materials in and out, provide a fun program/activity, return to the library and plan/prepare for the next day.



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BOX PARADE



BOX CARS



WE ALSO INVITE A NUMBER OF SPECIAL GUESTS TO VISIT OUR FTM SITES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Guests in past years have included:

- ❖ **Local Fire Department** – children learned about fire safety and they got to see a fire truck up close.
- ❖ **Local Dentist** – Dental Care
- ❖ **Local Animal Shelter** – Pet Care and Safety
- ❖ **A local farmer** brought a miniature pony to one of our sites for kids to see last summer

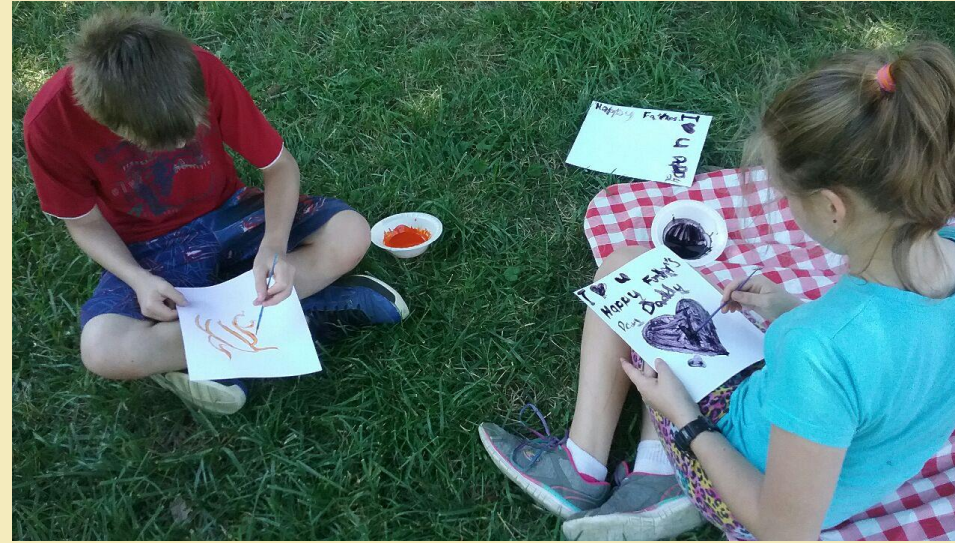
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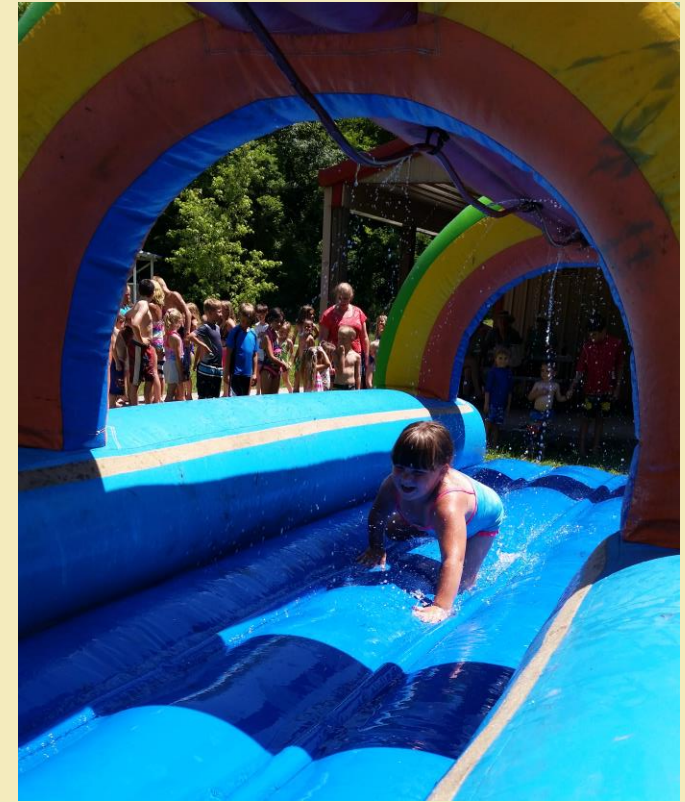
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SPECIAL GUEST: LOCAL 4-H STAFF



SPECIAL GUEST: GRANT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION



FRISBEE PLATE DAY

